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SUBJECT AREA: Ground Forces

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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE: Probable New BMP Variant

COMMENT: A probable new BMP variant has been identified at an installation housing elements of a tank division. The new variant lacks the turret of the standard BMP while retaining most of the usual features. A possible small structure or hatch is mounted to the left of the normal turret position. The function of the new vehicle is unknown. Although a total of four of the new variants were identified in separate regimental areas of one installation, standard BMPs have been identified in the same areas. The presence of both BMP versions at the same installation suggest that the new variant has a limited use, possibly as a command vehicle.

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LOCATION(S) Sovetsk GDS HQ Tank Division & Army Bks AL-2

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